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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**

May 29, 2002

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The final rejection dated March 26, 2002 has been received and reviewed.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in response thereto.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A clean copy of all of the pending claims is provided as an appendix to this response. A marked-up copy of the claims is also provided as an appendix hereto.

1. (Amended) A floatation swimsuit comprising:

a form-fitting torso covering, said form-fitting torso covering including a retaining pocket, a right arm covering, a left arm covering, a left leg covering, and a right leg covering;

a unitary floatation element for retention by said retaining pocket, said unitary floatation element including: